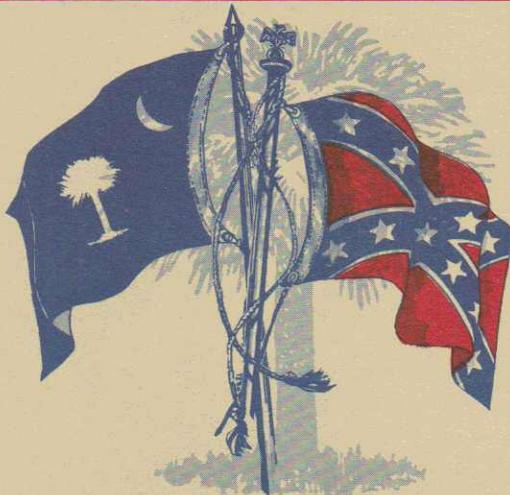


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South Carolina Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



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Lt. General Stephen D. Lee
Confederate States of America

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MEMORIAL DAY IN DIXIE

Members of Company K, 23rd South Carolina Infantry serve as Color Guard for the Pee Dee Rifles Camp Memorial Day services.

Pictured at right the men are as follows; Lt. Ken McCracken, Sgt. Hal Baldwin (with First National Flag), Cpl. Willie Tisdale (with Battle Flag), and Pvt. Mike King (with Palmetto Flag).



The Pee Dee Rifles Camp assisted the Ellison Capers Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, on May 9, 1987 in remembrance of Confederate Memorial Day at Mount Hope Cemetery. Approximately 45 persons attended to hear guest speaker Hugh Harkey, from Charlotte, and for the placing of the wreaths.

Camp members, and Frank McCain of the J.B. Kershaw Camp, placed Battle Flags on the 49 graves.

Several members placed flags at Mizpah Cemetery and Beulah Baptist Cemetery.

Flags were also placed at McClary's and Tisdale's Cemeteries in Williamsburg County.

This year the Camp was host to the South Carolina Division Convention. The Convention, held at a local restaurant, was attended by Compatriots from across the State.

Florence is also home to one of the larger Confederate installations for the incarceration of Union Prisoners-of-War. The Florence Stockade served the C.S.A. from late 1864 until the conclusion of the War..

These subjects and more reported within.

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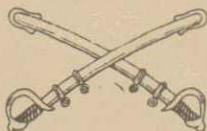
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Articles will be retained by the pp and photographs cannot be returned unless accompanied by a stamped self addressed envelope.



EDITORIAL

MAKING HISTORY

This edition of the PALMETTO PARTISAN marks a milestone in its history. This edition was produced entirely using the Aldus Pagemaker program for computer typesetting. This electronic publishing process will enable the South Carolina Division to have a professional quality magazine at a relatively low cost, and we are indebted to Southern Data Systems for this capability.

Cost is a significant factor in the production of the PP. For the first time the Division Executive Staff has established a budget which includes the PP as a line item. The editorial staff will comply with the provisions of that budget so that the Division can better carry out its other responsibilities.

IN THIS ISSUE

The Pee Dee Rifles of Florence are to be commended for a first rate State convention this year. The hard work and long hours put in by the men of that Camp paid double dividends in both the product and content of the meeting. The PP apologizes to those who did not receive the notice in a timely fashion.

Also in this edition is a report on the recent Heritage Day at Owen's Farm sponsored by the Columbia Camp. This annual event gets better every year and every Compatriot is encouraged to make plans to attend next year.

And speaking of Heritage Day, the Palmetto Sharpshooters of Anderson pulled off another fine Southern Heritage Dinner. This time they took "Bloody Abe" to task as the culmination of a delicious Southern dinner.

THE MEASURE OF OUR STANDARD

Please note the change in the chairmanship of the Save the Flag committee. Sam Padgett, the new chairman, needs the help of every Camp and every Compatriot to "Keep It Flying".

While it may appear that the issue of the Confederate Flag's display on the Capitol Dome in Columbia is resolved in our favor we would do wrong to rest at this point. Although the Flag's enemies are in rout they, no doubt, will be back for more. We must be ready to give it to them.

It is imperative that every man make his opinion known to his Legislative representatives, and his fellow citizens. In addition, it would be prudent to give the local press a steady volley on the subject as well (volley of letters that is). If every Camp determined to have a different member write the local print and broadcast media every week (or every other week) then it is unlikely that the anti-Flag element will ask to be defeated by bringing the issue up in a future session.

Chairman Padgett has also made a recommendation which we should consider. That is to request the legislature to put the Flag question to a referendum. A once and for all, up or down vote of the people to decide the issue would relieve the politicians of having to take a stand on the issue and put the question to rest. No doubt in such a plebiscite the flag would win handily, as all the recent polls indicate. Thereby, denying Messers Patterson and Mitchell a well worn publicity trick, as well as establishing the Flag's place for all time.

The question sometimes arises as to why the Flag should remain in its present place of honor. The point of the question is not should it be where it is, but rather should it be taken down for the stated reasons.

As long as the enemies of the Flag contend that the Flag should be removed (or replaced by another Confederate Flag) because it represents slavery or racism we must oppose them. The so called compromise proposal of replacing the Battleflag with the First National is equally insidious. If we permit the Battleflag to be removed under any shadow of disgrace then we concede this great symbol of Southern sovereignty to the hate groups and thereby relegate it to the place the modern liberals have been trying to dump it all along.

Yellow Rags and Scalawags

by Commander Earl Barnett

A current matter before Southern people involves magazines that purport to deal with the history of the War for Southern Independence, or with the South as a whole. First, many of us are familiar with *CIVIL WAR TIMES*, a magazine published in Pennsylvania. They recently published, under their "Educational Series" designed for teachers and students, an article declaring flatly that slavery was *the* cause of the War. Legitimate aspirations of Southern Nationalism aren't even considered, much less the deep seated resentment that had been building between the two regions since the early 1800's. This was part of the growing difference between an agricultural region with its spiritual values, an an industrial-based civilization with its materialistic values.

The *CWT* goes even further with the current issue in which Tom Wicker, a native North Carolinian and one of the executives of *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, is asked to write about the "Lost Cause". He brags about how he refused to stand at the playing of "Dixie" during a gathering of North Carolinians in New York. He goes further to tell us that the belief in the "Lost Cause" was generated after the War, not by Southerners who still believed in the justness of their cause, but by (Guess who?) the enlightened Northerners who subscribed to this belief because of their profound sorrow and "guilt" over having raped, plundered and destroyed the Southern civilization.

Actually, Mr. Wicker's claim to fame seems to be that of a Southerner who has proven himself to be willing and eager to denounce the Southern people and their values. His Northern masters trot him out from time to time to display him as an example of an "enlightened Southerner", one who can be depended upon to espouse the line of *THE NEW YORK TIMES*. Oh, his only other claim to fame is that he published a book about the War entitled "Unto This Hour". It received rave reviews in the Northern press, perhaps because the central figures included a homosexual Confederate Corporal; a Southern religious fanatic who enjoys killing; a white trash farmer who rapes his female slaves; and other figures that portray Southerners with only shallow or selfish motivations. Mr. Wicker's sycophantic writings cater to the most rabid Northern bigots, who have their worst prejudices "confirmed" by none other than a "Southerner" himself.

A second magazine is entitled simple *SOUTHERN*, one which I had high hopes for. Unfortunately, it seeks the support of those who love the South, yet caters to those who hate the very soul of the South. In the current issue, several writers expound upon the meaning of Southern symbols. The effect is a hatchet job upon the most visible and meaningful symbols of the South.

One writer fairly drips with hatred when describing the magnolia, symbol of Mississippi and the South. Another writer takes a convoluted line of thought to suggest that there is something sinister in us that is incited by the display of the Battle Flag and the singing of "Dixie".

These two magazines cannot continue to ask for our support and then insult us! I suggest that the editors of these magazines be sent a stern letter of rebuke and a firm cancellation of any subscription. This is the only type of action these materialists understand!

Enough is enough!

Gentlemen, let's then put our support into magazines that support us, like *THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN* and *SOUTHERN PARTISAN*. Two other magazines worthy of your review are *BLUE AND GRAY* (depicts both sides, but is fair to both) and *MILITARY HISTORY* (it is fair and depicts military action throughout history. Now is the time to make your commitment.

National Digest



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS IN DAVIS HOME

The Executive Council of the Sons of confederate Veterans met February 21, 1987 at Beauvoir - the last home of President Jefferson Davis - in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Council considered several matters, primarily the organizations finances and the integrity of the Confederate Flag across the nation.

The meeting began with Cmt. Herb Stansfield, who is national fund raising chairman for the permanent Headquarters Committee, presenting a desk flagstand to the Council. The stand held two crossed flags: one white, one black. Cmt. Stansfield said that unless the two factions come to terms it it could mean the death of the organization. Commander-in-Chief Ralph Green accepted the flags on behalf.

In a report made by Adjutant-in-Chief William D. McCain the national SCV was shown to have a deficit of \$26,127, primarily as a result of the *CONFEDERATE VETERAN* magazine being financially over extended. Several suggestions were made to help recover from this dilemma. Jack Tyler, who acceded to the position of Editor after Ron Clemons resigned suddenly after August last year, provided a complete listing of the CV's expenses and a report on possible ways to recoup some of the losses. The Council has voted to increase national dues by \$8.00, but this must be ratified by a national convention before it will take effect.

The Council also voted to establish a national Flag Preservation Committee to coordinate efforts to preserve the integrity of the Confederate Flags across the nation. ANV Com. Marlar was elected Chairman.

In related action the council heard a report from the Permanent Headquarters Committee to the effect that the building and site preparation will be between 1.19 million dollars and 1.35. This estimate is for a building - to be located on Winstead Hill in Franklin, Tennessee - of approximately 9,000 square feet.

TARHEEL GUN SHOW

The Col. John Sloan Camp will host its fourth annual Antique Gun Show at the Holiday Inn Airport in Greensboro, NC (Junction of I-40 and Hwy 68.), Sep. 26-27.

The show is open only to weapons made prior to 1898, and absolutely no Nazi items will be allowed.

This event serves as a fund raising project for the Col. John Sloan Camp. This Camp leads the Nation in fund raising. For more information contact Mike Bridges, 251-A N. Greene St., Greensboro, NC, 27401 (919- 274-4758).

COLUMBIA CONVENTION

The 1988 General Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held in Columbia, South Carolina next August. All Compatriots are encouraged to make plans now to attend.

Convention activities will include two banquets, a historical symposium and a Confederate Ball in addition to regular convention business.

LEE & JACKSON HONORED, OFFICERS ELECTED

ANDERSON PALMETTO SHARPSHOOTERS

In January Cmt. Mike Fowler spoke to the Camp on the many problems faced by the Confederate Postal Service. In addition to starting the Service from scratch, Post Master General John Reagan had to operate it during wartime - and at a profit. Cmt. Fowler is a direct descendant of Gen. Reagan.

Camp Paymaster and Mrs. Jim Fraser regaled the members with song for the February meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser presented a selection of Southern music from the War era to the delight of all present.

The early days of the founding of the national SCV organization was the subject of Cmt. Robert Cox's talk to the Camp in March. He made several interesting quotes from the founding meetings of our organization.

Like many other Camps across the State the Palmetto Sharpshooters celebrated Confederate Memorial Day on May 10. As is their custom the ceremonies took place on the Square in Anderson. Local Children of the Confederacy members took part by reciting the pledges to the flags and the Salute to the Confederate Flag. The UDC laid a memorial Wreath before the Confederate monument there. The Confederate battle Flag was raised on the Courthouse flagpole to the strains of "Dixie".

At the close of the service the crowd joined in singing "Faith of Our Fathers".

The Honorable Patrick B. Harris spoke to those present and recounted remarks he had made on the floor of the South Carolina House of Representatives in support of the Confederate Flag.

The Camp held its annual Southern Heritage Dinner May 17, at Richardson's Cafeteria. A crowd of about 200 turned out to hear Mr. Sam Dickson speak on "Smashing the Icon of Abraham Lincoln". The dinner included a display of relics, Confederate Flags and Southern music. Com. Mark Baker also conducted the raffle which had several prizes included a framed print of Jeb Stuart.

CAMDEN JOSEPH B. KERSHAW CAMP

At the Camp's March meeting ANV

Com. Jack Marlar was in attendance and reported on the Executive council meeting and the proposed dues increase.

Jim Fox gave the program on the Battles of Wilson's Creek, Fort Henry and Big Bethel. The program was appropriately entitled "Johhny Reb Learns His Business".

The Camp is also considering sponsoring a Winter re-enactment in the Camden area.

CHARLESTON FORT SUMTER

With over one hundred members the Fort Sumter Camp of Charleston is going strong. The Camp holds regular meetings in the home of one of the Compatriots.

In March the Camp met to hear Past Chaplain - General of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, James Parker, who is also a member of the Fort Sumter Camp. Father Parker presented a lecture on the unusual, but colorful, history of the Confederate States Marine Corps. Fr. Parker also favored those in attendance with a reading of a Southern obituary on the death of yankee Gen. "Beast" Butler.

Com. Barnett was also in attendance at this meeting. He spoke to the assembled Compatriots on activities throughout the Division, and forthcoming events as well. Mrs. Belinda Wilkinson visited also to promote the Secession Quilt Raffle which is sponsored by the palmetto light Artillery Ladies Auxiliary.

The Camp held its traditional Memorial Day services on May 10, at the Confederate Monument at Washington Park in downtown Charleston. The Camp was assisted by the Washington Light Infantry - a military detachment dating back to the American Revolutionary War.

Following the services the men retired to the home of one of the members to elect officers for the coming year. The following were elected: Commander, Dr. Thomas A. Plunkett; 1st. Lt. Com. Lloyd Beck, Treasurer, Winfield Sapp; Adjutant, J. Paul Trouche; Seargent-at-Arms, Joseph L. Johnson, Jr..

COLUMBIA WADE HAMPTON CAMP

Dr. Daniel Hollis spoke on "South Carolina's Role in the Confederacy" to a crowd

of 48 at the Camp's January meeting. This meeting was, as is the custom, in honor of Gen. R.E. Lee.

February 14 the Camp participated in a dedication ceremony for a monument to Gen. Adley Hogan Gladden who fought with the Palmetto Regiment in the War with Mexico and the WBTS. Gen. Gladden was killed-in-action at the Battle of Shiloh.

Cmt. W.C. Smith talked about the history of the SCV. The meeting was held at Bell Camp.

The March meeting was held at Shealy's Country Kitchen as the Camp was the guest of Mr. Shealy. At this meeting Mr. Max Middleton gave a program on the Campaign for Mobile.

For April the Hon. John Courson discussed the fight to Save the Flag in the Senate. He also pointed out how citizens can help in the effort by writing their legislators and local newspapers.

FLORENCE PEE DEE RIFLES

The Pee Dee Rifle's held its regular monthly meeting for January on the 27 of that month. This was a business meeting and no program was presented. the principal items on the agenda were the forthcoming Division convention and the local Stockade property. The Camp also discussed a motion to construct a monument in Florence. The Camp sent a letter to Gov. Campbell regarding the refusal to play "Dixie". The Camp is also endeavoring to promote a Southern History Week at Francis Marion College.

At the Camp's April meeting Cmt. Dusenberry encouraged the membership to turn out for a program on Gen. Harllee at the Poynor School presented by the Heritage Society.

Com. Baldwin reported that the Camp came out on the plus side financially from the Division Convention. Cmt. Dusenberry read an article relating how one of his brothers, Captain Julian Dusenberry, raised the Confederate Flag as the first American Flag over Shuri Castle during W.W. II.

The Camp also passed a motion commanding Camp Historian Horace Rudisill for receiving an award from the national society Daughters of Founders and American Patriots. Mr. Harvey Teal presented the program about Sherman's march through South Carolina and

the battle of West's Crossroads.

At the May meeting Stockade Committee Chairman T.C. Griffin reported that the Committee is still hopeful that some governmental agency will purchase the area as a park. Rod Gragg spoke on "Life in the Pee Dee During the WBTS Years".

GREENVILLE

16TH SOUTH CAROLINA REGIMENT

The Camp met in January for its annual Lee/Jackson Birthday Party. The program included a talk on Lee by Com. Earl Barnett and a talk on Jackson by ANV Com. Marlar. The meeting concluded with Real Son Archie Stubbs cutting a cake, decorated with a Confederate Flag and the dates of the generals births, for all Comapatriots.

The Camp also held elections for Camp officers with Chris M. Sullivan being elected Commander and Bill R. Cross being returned as 1st Lt. Commander.

In February the Camp viewed the first half of the Bonnie Blue Productions video of the Funeral for the Unknown Soldier. The compatriots also discussed ways to support the Flag with ANV Com. Marlar exhorting every member to contact their representatives and encourage them to stand for the Flag.

The program for the Camps March meeting was a presentation of the Songs of the South by Mr. Bobby Horton, a well known vocalist from Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Horton sang a wide repertoire of War era music using several authentic instruments. He also explained a little about the history of each song.

Cmt. Jim Cevasco had the program for the March meeting. He presented a talk on the history of the Flags of the Confederacy complete with slides of the various configurations.

Cmt. Cevasco's presentation also included several authentic reproductions of unit flags on display.

At this meeting Com. Sullivan presented the SCV War Service Medal to Colonel George Gaspard. Col. Gaspard served in W.W. II, Korea and Vietnam. During his 122 months of overseas service he was wounded twice and earned 17 Battle Stars, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as other commendations.

LANCASTER

WITHERSPOON / BARNES CAMP

Campmembers were challenged in March to sign new members. The incentive offered was a copy of Mrs. Jeffcoat's "Confederate Records, Lancaster District, South Carolina" to each member who signed up two new members. The month of April welcomed two new members to the Camp and the premier issue of the Camp's newsletter 'The Lancaster Line'. The April meeting was attended by ANV Com. Jack Marler and Div. Com. Earl Barnett.

In May the Camp celebrated a Confederate Memorial Day program before the Lincoln County Courthouse with approximately 30 people in attendance. Camp Historian Ben Emanuel delivered the celebration's remarks. Camp Adjutant Terry Gardner, in uniform, rendered Taps. From comments received, the Camp was proud of their first Confederate Memorial Day celebration.

At May's meeting Doug Gardner, who is Lt. Col. in charge of the local SC National Guard Regiment, spoke on the role, composition and status of the SC National Guard.

Eighteen of the Camp's twenty-four charter members have renewed their

memberships. The average meeting attendance has been fifteen.

The Camp obtained two original books last Fall. One of which, "War Between the States, Battle Records, 1864", was signed by the son of one of the Camp's namesakes - Col. J.H. Witherspoon.

The Camp has engaged in fund raising to pay for the \$600.00 cost.

Part of the Camp's fund raising effort included the raffle of a small print of Robert E. Lee which Com. Gardner won at the Anderson Heritage Dinner.

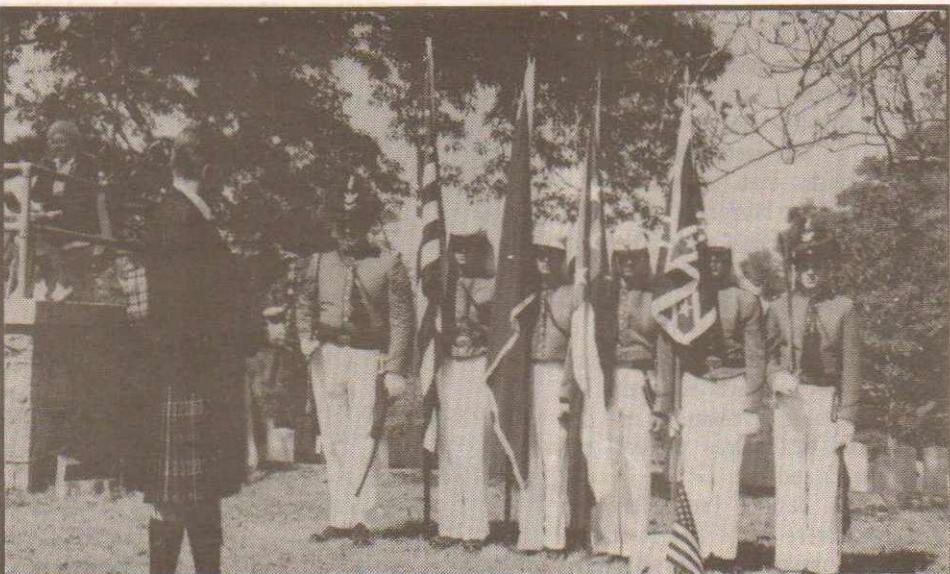
EDITORS NOTE:

All Camps are requested to appoint one member as a press officer whose chief purpose it shall be to dispatch news to the PP.

The Camp News column is integral to keeping the Division membership informed about the operations of other Camps.

Where possible please send pictures.

Pictured below, the Wade Hampton Camp commemorates Confederate Memorial Day. The services took place in the Confederate Section of Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.



FLORENCE STOCKADE

By Fall of 1864, the Mississippi River had fallen to the Union and the Confederacy was cut in two. Meanwhile, Grant's trained, well-equipped army had begun hammering at Lee's weary, tattered, out-numbered forces in Virginia. Sherman's troops poured into Georgia and made preparations to further dissect the South with his infamous "March to the Sea".

In his path lay the perhaps equally infamous Confederate prison, Andersonville. Since there was practically no Confederate Army in the area to protect the prison, the decision was made to move these prisoners to Florence, "a little straggling village", selected because it was a railroad center and because of its supposed security, according to Walter D. Woods, a former guard at the prison and author of the pamphlet "Notes on the Confederate Stockade of Florence, South Carolina".

Maj. F. T. Warley of Darlington, a former prisoner of the Union who had recently been exchanged, was the supervisor of the construction of the stockade. Around 1,000 Negroes, loaned by various planters, built the prison.

The structure, made of loosely placed rough tree trunks buried three or four feet in the ground, was 1,400 feet long and 725 feet wide. An earth embankment piled up around the logs gave the sentries a walkway from which they could keep watch over the camp. A rounded, raised platform was built at each corner of the stockade. The surrounding trench, from which the earth for the walls had come, was five feet deep and seven feet wide.

Before construction was halfway finished, Maj. Warley received word that the first 3,000 prisoners from Andersonville were on their way. Because able-bodied fighting men were in extremely short supply, Warley had to rely on a militia composed of around 150 old men and children for help in guarding them.

Equally disturbing to Warley, according to Woods' account was a drastic shortage of food. Warley threatened in a telegram to Gen. S. B. Jones of Charleston to commandeer whatever public or private property passed through Florence until the needs of the prisoners were supplied.

But even Warley's efforts, Woods admitted, were not enough to prevent tremendous suffering and sickness resulting from lack of good, medical supplies and cooking utensils.

"Not even the battlefield can furnish even more terrible examples of the horrors of war than a prison camp," Woods wrote. "Here, in justice to the federal government, it might be stated that a large lot of clothing, hats and shoes were sent to the prisoners at Florence, but nothing in the way of medical supplies....The largest number of deaths in one day while the writer was present was between 75 and 100."

A day or two before the prisoners were to be placed in the stockade a prison break was attempted.

which, if it had succeeded, might have shortened the war by giving the Union control of the railroad junction at Florence through which passed all troops and supplies from the southeast which were sent to Virginia. It also would have broken vital lines of communication between Richmond and Charleston.

Warley, sensing this possibility, had repeatedly telegraphed Gen. Jones requesting more troops, but Jones' own position at Charleston was precarious. He had dispatched every available man to reinforce Lee's battered ranks in Virginia.

The prisoners at that time were still being held in a corn field. Although the officer in charge had been given orders to kill anyone who attempted to cross the boundary lines without permission, a large group of the prisoners had rushed the line at once. The militia was not anywhere in the area, and he had no power to stop them.

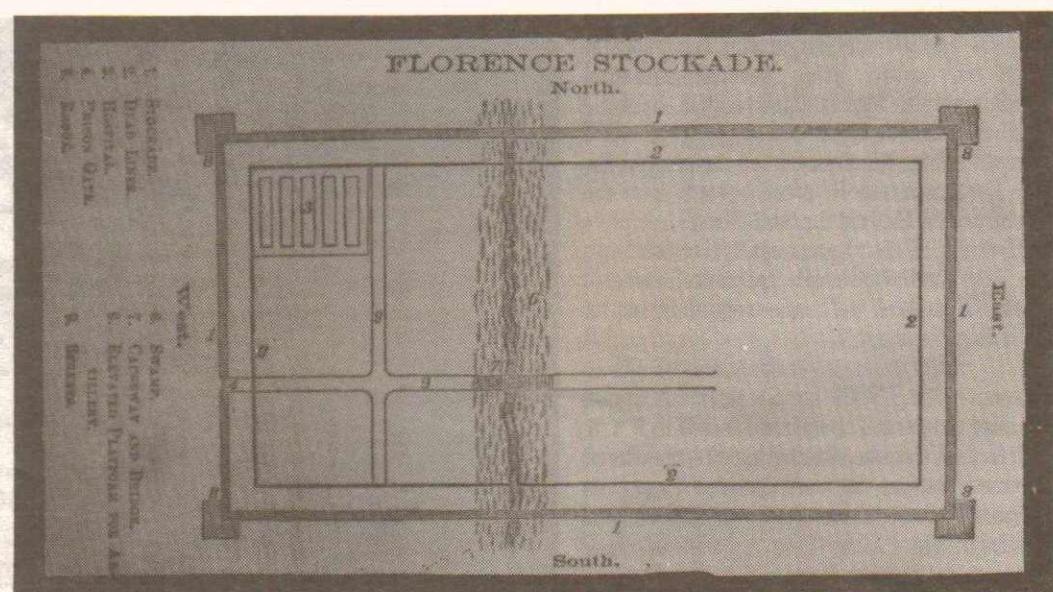
Maj. Warley was immediately summoned to the camp.

"Arriving there he rode right in the midst of the prisoners and with firmness told those in the sound of his voice that he was doing his best for them but they must get back within the lines. Some of them came up and put their hands on his horse's neck, but neither word nor gesture did he repulse them, speaking with calmness that he would have shown on parade, but every word he spoke with an authority." Woods wrote, describing the incident.

Woods, in praise of the prison commander, said "what turned the scale and saved the situation at that dangerous occasion was the kind and humane treatment that had been given the prisoners by Major Warley of which they were fully aware. Knowing they could have with the sacrifice of a few lives killed Major Warley. It is reasonable to suppose that they would have done so had he been treating them with harshness."

In February 1865 Sherman was getting to close. So, the Confederates decided to evacuate all ablebodied prisoners to Goldsboro, N.C. Several weeks later, in March, the sick and wounded were removed by locomotive under flag of truce to Wilmington, N.C.

Thus ended the troubled history of the Florence Stockade.

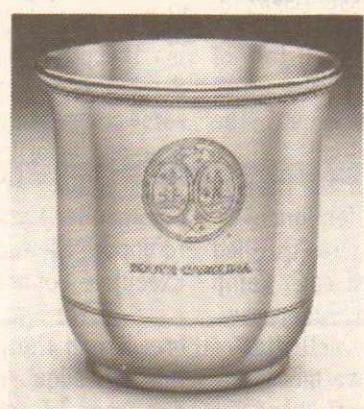


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PEE DEE RIFLES HOST STATE CONVENTION

FLORENCE -

The South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held its annual convention April 11, in Florence, South Carolina. The convention was hosted by the Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419 at Horne's Resteraunt.

The delegates from Camps throughout the State met to consider business of importance to the Division. Division Commander C. Earl Barnett presided.

The meeting began at 10:00 with Camp Com. Hal Baldwin calling the meeting to order, and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Salute to the Confederate Flag, Pledge to the South Carolina Flag and the invocation.

Then Com. Barnett reported on the state of the Division. He remarked that the Division treasury was in poor health. He also pointed out that the Division's single largest expenditure is publishing the PALMETTO PARTISAN, which publishing costs have risen steadily in the past two years.

Com. Barnett then called on PAL-

METTO PARTISAN editor Chris M. Sullivan to report on the Division newsletter. Editor Sullivan remarked that the PP has been a prominent part of the activities of the Division and presented several ways that money could be saved on the publication. Editor Sullivan also requested that the convention empower the Commander and his staff to establish a budget for the magazine to prevent costs from exceeding revenue. This measure was passed without opposition.

After the reports Com. Baldwin introduced Dr. Al Harley, a local physician, who presented a lecture on the history of the Florence Stockade. The Pee Dee Rifles are presently negotiating to acquire the property where the prison stood.

At the conclusion of Dr. Harley's talk the meeting adjourned for lunch.

When the convention was recalled to order Com. Barnett asked each Camp Commander present - or his representative - to report on the activities of their Camps in the last twelve months.

Then the Com. Barnett asked for

nominations for Lieutenant Commander. That post became vacant when Com. Barnett acceded to the position of Div. Com. upon the resignation of Jack E. Marlar. Two men were nominated. Charles R. Clark of the Wade Hampton Camp, Columbia, and E. Lee Griggs Commander of the J.B. Kershaw Camp, Camden.

After a 15-minute caucus period the vote was taken and Lee Griggs won, and promised to do all he could to promote the growth of the organization.

At this time Com. Barnett asked for the "sense of the convention" regarding the proposed national dues increase. Several delegates spoke against the issue, some expressing concern that national financial priorities were unwise.

Also, Army of Northern Virginia Commander Marlar reported on his efforts to oppose the increase at the most recent Executive Council meeting.

The ten (\$10.00) dollar dues increase and the proposed Permanent National Headquarters both received strong disapproval from the delegates present.

The convention was entertained again by Dr. Harley who presented a lecture on the Confederate Postal Service. Dr. Harley pointed out that the Confederate postal Service is the only such service in the history of the world to operate at a profit - which it did by Constitutional mandate. His talk included several slides of postal stamps and covers from Dr. Harley's personal collection.

As a special benefit to those in attendance a raffle drawing was offered. Com. Baldwin presented prizes to the raffle winners. Prizes included a framed print of the "Confederate Command".

At the conclusion of all business Com. Barnett adjourned the convention. After which many of the delegates took a tour of the Florence Stockade site.



Some of the delegates to the Convention visit the Stockade site.

ARSENAL OF TRUTH

HYPOCRITIC OATH

Early in the War the Union government declared that all medicines and surgical instruments and appliances to be contrabands of war - the first time in history for such an order.

When the American Medical Association met in Chicago in 1863, a Dr. Gardner of New York introduced a resolution to repeal such orders. He argued that such cruelty rebounded on Union prisoners of war in the hands of the Confederates. And furthermore the action declaring the medical goods to be contraband was worthy of the darkest ages of the world's history.

Forgetful of the unselfish nature of the healing art, the Northern medical men in the audience booed their benevolent brother from the meeting hall.

In a similar vein, Dr. E.A. Flewelling was sent by the Union Authorities to inspect the Andersonville prison and became acquainted with the Confederate Surgeon there.

Dr. Flewelling later wrote to the other

doctor, commenting on the travesty of the trial that resulted in the execution of Henry Wirtz:

"I was present at Wirtz's trial and can confirm every statement you made in your address in New Orleans as to the unfairness of the proceedings, and shall never cease to have a contempt for the president and Judge Advocate of that Court Martial for their efforts to intimidate the witnesses and pervert the truth, and for the disrespect shown to Wirtz's only attorney, Louis Schade."

SINS OF OMISSION

The omission of history sometimes has been as damaging as the rewriting of history. For instance, nearly everybody has heard of the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", which has long been touted as an important bit of history, even though the popular conception of what happened is known to be incorrect.

However, rarely is there a mention in the history books of the ride of Wade Hampton's grandfather. The senior Hampton rode 750

miles in ten days to carry the news of Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans.

New England had sent a commissioner to say that those States would secede from the Union to join England, but when the British defeat was announced, the papers of secession were not presented.

YANKEE EXCHANGE RATES

Union general Benjamin F. Butler explained why Gen. Grant halted the exchange of prisoners by saying:

"Many a tribute has been paid to the soldier of the South by those for whom he fought, by those of the same blood and faith, by those who gloried in his splendid courage and pitied his terrible sufferings; but the highest compliment that was ever paid to the tattered and half starved wearer of the gray was that of the Commander-in-Chief of the Union armies who, in a council of war, took the ground that the Confederate soldier was too dangerous to be exchanged."

A LETTER FROM ENGLAND

The battle for the suppression of the Battle Flag seems to be reaching new levels of intensity and intolerance. As a mere "Brit" I find it difficult to understand why it is acceptable to glory in your foreign roots but unpatriotic to express pride in being Southern.

We in the U.K. have had our differences within our own Union; I wonder what would be the reaction to the English campaigning for the banning of the Welsh Dragon, Scottish Lion or Saint Andrews Flags at football matches? Derisive laughter would be most likely, but in the event that the suggestion was treated seriously we could expect "the ladies from Hell" to be marching on London to put a stop to such impudent outpourings. Our cousins in the South are subjected to this in the name of racial harmony; from this distance it does seem a little one sided.

With kindest regards,
Donald Gordon.

Editors Note: Mr. Donald Gordon is commander of the Confederate High Command, U.K. Division, in Calne, Wiltshire, England. Also, "the Ladies from Hell" is the name given to the Black Watch Highland Regiment.

SAVE THE FLAG REPORT

I have been asked by State Commander Earl Barnett to assume the chairmanship of the Save the Flag Committee. This is both an honor and an awesome responsibility and I do promise you that I will do my best. I can not promise success, but I will attempt to be as faithful to this cause as our forefathers were to the Cause for which they strove.

My position is that I wish to see the Confederate Battleflag continue to fly over the State Capitol building and that I have nothing to be ashamed of for this position. I furthermore believe, that this is the viewpoint of the majority of South Carolina.

in the coming weeks I hope to get in touch with each Camp to let you know the kind of help we need. If you are willing to help with petitions, phone calls, and personal contacts, please let me know. I may be contacted by mail at:

Sam Padgett
216 S. Wrenwood
Lexington, S.C., 29072

If we fight in this contest honorably and lose we can bear it - as did our forefathers. But, if we are unwilling to fight, then we deserve the shame which will be rightfully ours.

HERITAGE DAY AT OWEN'S FARM



Some visitors took time to visit the Ante-Bellum main house.

WINNSBORO -

For the fourth consecutive year the Wade Hampton Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Maxcy Gregg Chapter Military Order of the Stars and Bars and the Palmetto Brigade (the Palmetto Brigade is composed of all the re-enactment units in the State), sponsored the Heritage Day and Battle of Owen's Farm. The two day event drew a large crowd from the local area as well as the entire upstate. The purpose of the event is to showcase the re-enactors and to increase interest in Southern History.

In addition to the battle, which was re-enacted each day, the festivities also included Living History displays, sutlers tents and authentic re-creations of troop encampments.

The festivities are held on the antebellum plantation, known as Owen's Farm, owned by Tim and Rennie Lord. The plantation was owned by the Owen family in the 1850's, and Mr. Owen served in the Confederate Army.

However, during Sherman's infamous "March to the Sea" the property was owned by the Copeland family, and it was at this time that the "Battle of Owen's Farm" took place. Union troops encamped on the land and while there were engaged by a small force of confederates, it is this skirmish that is re-enacted during Heritage Day.

The 1820's farm house is being restored by the Lords, as their permanent home.

The two day event lasted from 9:00 to 7:30 on Saturday and from 9:00 to 4:00 on Sunday. During that time visitors were able to tour the plantation house, visit the many sutlers and merchants present, purchase raffle tickets for an authentic Enfield rifle and witness an actual wedding in period dress.

The spectators were also able to view the martial display of Confederate and yankee infantry and artillery in action during the battle.

Most of the re-enactors in attendance camped on the premise. This provided an opportunity for the many visitors to tour the various camps and get a first hand look at the living conditions of the Confederate military.

It is the practice of these soldiers to keep non-authentic items and equipment out of the campsites thereby lending an air of historical reality to the sites.

The Save the Flag committee was represented by a petition which visitors were encouraged to sign, and many of the spectators availed themselves of the opportunity.

Also present covering the event was a reporter from a Columbia television station. The reporter interviewed Lt. Jack Marlar of the Palmetto Light Artillery about why they participated in such events and were so

adamant about the Flag. According to Lt. Marlar the report proved to be "surprisingly" fair and unbiased.

As is no doubt the case with all such events the main problem is the financial cost. To help offset the expenses of this undertaking the organizations promoting the event sold tickets for "Southern Style" bar-be-que as the lunch menu.

The Wade Hampton Camp and the other organizations are already planning for next years event.

CONFEDERATE CALENDAR

SEPT 26-29 Battle of Sharpsburg

OCT. 10 16th Regiments annual Musket & Cannon Shoot in Hickory Tavern.
Call Chris Sullivan
271-0417

OCT. 17 150th anniversary of Mt. Pleasant, 2nd S.C., 23rd S.C. and P.L.A recreate firing on Ft. Sumter.

NOV. 20 "An Evening With Gov. James B. Edwards." Ponsell Club Greenville. Call C. Sullivan 271-0417

DEC. 13 Confederate Ball Greenville. 356-2088

DIVISION GROWTH PROJECTED

PALMETTO PROSPERS

According to reports filed with the Adjutant-in-Chief as of Dec. 31, 1986, the South Carolina Division is third among the four Divisions in the Army of Northern Virginia. S.C. has 428 total members having lost only 29 in the last six months.

The largest camp in the Division is the 16th Regiment, Greenville with 140, followed by the Fort Sumter Camp, Charleston with 114 and the Wade Hampton Camp, Columbia with 64.

In addition to growth in membership the Division has also grown in terms of the total number of Camps. This factor is of considerable importance considering that in order to draw more South Carolinians to the organization the SCV will need a larger presence in the State – especially in the rural areas.

In fact the Division now has nine Camps, having added Camps in Lancaster, Sumter and Bogansville.

These new Camps, give the Division its highest total membership since the end of World War II.

BRADLEY BATTLES BUREAUCRACY

General Assemblyman and Compatriot of the Fort Sumter Camp John D. Bradley entered a motion on December 2, 1986 to request the State Budget and Control Board to "determine whether or not Officials of the General Services refused to permit a funeral service for a Confederate soldier from South Carolina... and... to discharge the officials who made this decision who made this decision."

Unfortunately, the bill suffered the common fate of motions in support of Southern History and has been referred to committee.

COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF CODIFIED

The national GHQ has issued every Camp in the nation a copy "The Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans". This new volume gives a summary biography – and photograph where available – of every CIC in the organization's history. The books were dispatched to all Camp Commanders.

PADGETT PLANS PETITIONS

Save the Flag chairman Sam Padgett has requested that Compatriots circulate as many petitions of support for the Confederate

Battleflag as possible. The petitions should be on regular size paper and have a space for the individual to sign and enter his address. The top of the page should have the following paragraph:

"We the undersigned wish to keep the Confederate Battleflag flying atop the State Capitol. We call upon the members of the Legislature to support this position or to allow the issue to be put to vote of the people."

Completed petitions should be sent straightaway to Sam Padgett, 216 S. Wrenwood, Lexington, S.C., 29072.

CLARKE CHOSEN CHIEF

Com. Earl Barnett has announced the appointment of Charles Clarke to the position of Division Chief of Staff.

Cmt. Clarke is an officer of the Columbia Police department and a long time member of the Wade Hampton Camp.

MONEY MATTERS

The Executive Staff of the South Carolina Division met in Columbia to prepare a budget for the coming year May 2. In attendance at the meeting were Com. Barnett, Lt. Com. Lee Griggs, Chief of Staff Charles Clarke and Adjutant Ralph Bowers. Also, in attendance was PP Editor Chris M. Sullivan.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to establish a budget for the coming year in accordance with a resolution passed by the Div. Convention. The primary item in the budget is the PP for which the Staff approved \$1,200. The Staff also appropriated money for new stationery and for expenses related to the Commanders duties.

MONUMENT MEETING

The South Carolina Division has established a committee to examine the feasibility of erecting a monument at the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Committee Chairman Ed Crosby reports that the committee has been in contact with an architect, but that the two primary problems are a study of the soil to determine what size marker can be put there and finances.

GOVERNOR, GREENVILLE'S GUEST

Past Commander Vance Drawdy has announced that Gov. James B. Edwards has consented to be the featured speaker at the Greenville Camps annual "An Evening With..." dinner, Nov. 20. Past Com. Drawdy, who is chairman of the event, says that Gov. Edwards was invited last year but was unable to accept due to personal commitments.

This year's dinner will be held at the Poinsett Club in downtown Greenville.

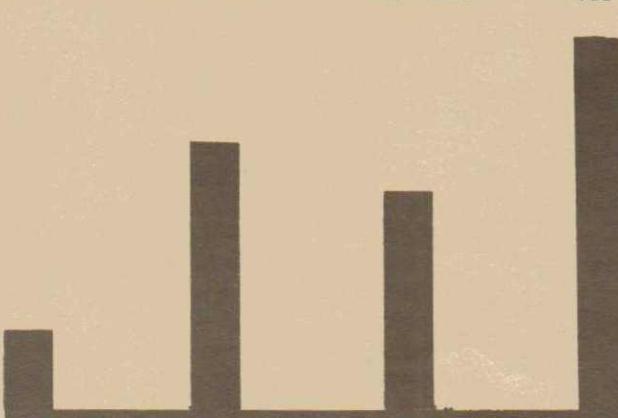
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DIVISION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Balance per Books January 1, 1986 | \$1,456.91 |
| INCOME - | |
| State Dues, sale of Books, T-shirts, Prints, Etc. | \$4,802.64 |
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| | \$6,259.55 |
| EXPENSES - | |
| Newspaper Ad | \$ 50.00 |
| Books & Prints for Sale | 1,271.20 |
| Stationary | 215.44 |
| T-Shirts | 219.73 |
| State Convention Expenses | 148.00 |
| Postage & Mailing Labels | 36.99 |
| Wreath - National Convention | 25.00 |
| McCain Library Endowment | 25.00 |
| Award Cts. State | 88.20 |
| Telephone Expenses State Cmdr. | 60.08 |
| PALMETTO PARTISAN | 2,533.31 |
| Unknown Soldier Expenses | 1,016.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$5,688.95 |
| Balance Per Books - Apr. 15, 1987 | \$ 570.60 |
| Balance as of September 10, 1987 | \$2,724.92 |

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